

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of all claims now pending in the above-identified patent application (*i.e.*, Claims 11, 12, 14 and 19-35) are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, Applicant and his attorney which to thank the Examiner for his indication of the allowability of the subject matter of dependent Claims 13-18 as part of the first Office Action.

By the instant claim amendments, Applicant has presented the subject matter of allowable dependent Claims 13, 15 and 17 in independent claim format, which are now presented as amended Claim 11, new Claim 25 and new Claim 30, respectively. Applicant has also retained or amended dependent Claims 12, 14 and 19-24, which are dependent upon independent Claim 11; added dependent Claims 26-29, which are dependent upon independent Claim 25; and has added dependent Claims 31-35, which depend from independent Claim 30.

Applicant has drafted new independent Claim 25, which recites the subject matter of prior dependent Claim 15, in a manner that attends to the correction of the typographical error which formed the basis of the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, indefiniteness rejection of prior Claims 15 and 16. The 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, indefiniteness rejection of the first Office Action, it is respectfully requested,

should now be withdrawn.

It is respectfully contended that, because pending independent Claims 11, 25 and 30 recite the allowable subject matter of prior dependent Claims 13, 15 and 17, respectively, all claims now pending are allowable over the prior art and are in condition for allowance at this time.

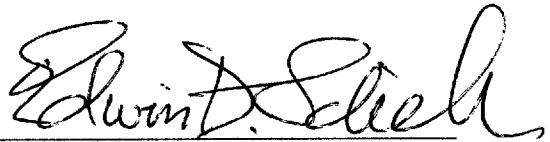
In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art rejection of the first Office Action are now moot.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully contended that all claims now pending in the above-identified patent application (*i.e.*, Claims 11, 12, 14 and 19-35) recite a novel and efficient self-opener closure for composite packagings for container spouts with a film material, which is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly,

withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and the allowance of all claims now pending are now respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney (*Account No. 19-0450*) for any fees or costs pertaining to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application, but which have not otherwise been provided for.